

Surgical Technologists (29-2055)

Occupation description: Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.

Employment and Job Openings

| | Average employment | | | Average annual openings | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| | 2010 estimate | 2020 projection | Percent change | Growth | Replacement | Total |
| Alaska | 144 | 188 | 30.6 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| United States | 93,600 | 111,300 | 18.9 | 1,760 | 1,630 | 3,390 |

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is robust with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

| | Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval | | | Wage by Percentile | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|
| | Low | Mean | High | 10th | Median | 90th |
| United States | n/a | 21.36 | n/a | 14.64 | 20.54 | 29.47 |
| Alaska | 24.46 | 25.35 | 26.24 | 18.39 | 25.34 | 33.59 |
| Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA) | 24.81 | 25.88 | 26.95 | 19.25 | 25.72 | 33.94 |

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

| Total workers | Nonresident workers | Percent nonresident | Percent age 45 plus | Percent age 50 plus |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 189 | 34 | 18.0 | 30.7 | 22.1 |

2012 Potential Supply

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|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| Qualified but working in another occupation | 30 |
| Currently employed in a lower paid occupation | 11 |
| UI claimants previously working in occupation | 12 |

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of registrants | 46 |
| Number of job position postings | 28 |
| Ratio of registrants to job position postings | 1.6 |

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Postsecondary non-degree award

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

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